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SUBJ: NPW SNOOK VISIT

1. THE SNOOK ARRIVED IN COCKBURN SOUND SATURDAY MORNING WITH NO RPT NO SIGNS OF DEMONSTRATORS IN THE VICINITY AND WAS GIVEN WARM WELCOME BY MEDIA. REPORTED FLOTILLA OF BOATS BEARING DEMONSTRATORS IN THE HAROB FAILED TO MATERIALIZE AS SUB PULLED INTO PORT ONE HOUR AHEAD OF SCHEDULE IN TORRENTIAL RAIN. ONLY INDICATION OF OPPOSITION TO VISIT WAS GROUP OF 25-30 DEMONSTRATORS CARRYING ANTI-NUCLEAR BANNERS HUDDLED IN RAIN SOME FOUR MILES FROM DOCK WHERE SUB TIED UP. THEY WERE PREVENTED BY COMMONWEALTH POLICE FROM CROSSING CAUSEWAY TO COCKBURN SOUND, EFFECTIVELY THWARTING ANY POTENTIAL CONFRONTATION.

2. MEDIA COVERAGE HAS BEEN WIDESPREAD AND POSITIVE. WEEKEND COVERAGE WAS FRONTPAGE IN ALL PAPERS, AND LEAD ITEM IN RADIO AND T.V. SUB SKIPPER AND REPRESENTATIVE OF AUSTRALIAN ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION WHO HEADS SAFETY MONITORING PROGRAM MADE JOINT APPEARANCE ON TV SATURDAY. AAEC REP MADE STRONG, POSITIVE STATE-
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MENTS ABOUT SAFETY ASPECT OF VISIT, NOTING QTE NUCLEAR

LEVELS IN WATER ARE NO RPT NO GREATER THAN MORNALLY
FOUND IN NATURE. END QTE.

3. SIR CHARLES COURT, WEST AUSTRALIAN PREMIER, WAS
GIVEN VIP TOUR OF BOAT, AS WELL AS OTHER PROMINENT
WEST AUSTRALIANS. PRESS VISITS HAVE BEEN MOS PRODUC-
TIVE IN HELPING ENERATE POSITIVE COVERAGE. PROMINENT-
LY FEATURED IN ALL MEDIA HAS BEEN THE SAFETY ISSUE
WHICH IS BEING ADMIRABLY HANDLED BY AUSTRALIAN OFFI-
CIALS, PARTICULARLY AAEC REP.

4. HEAVY RAIN ON SATURDAY HELD DOWN LIBERTY PARTIES,
BUT NORMAL SCHEDULES ARE PLANNED FOR REMAINDER OF VISIT.
BOAT BERTH SOME 18 MILES FROM FREMANTLE AND 30 MILES FROM
PERTH WITH TRANSPORTATION LAID ON FOR SHORE LEAVE.
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